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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: MARINE PANEL
TWO - ICE-TRANSITING VESSELS (05.0502)

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1. DOT HAS RECEIVED DUBCHAK-PITKIN LETTER DESCRIBED
REFTEL. USDEL PREFERS VISIT DURING PERIOD SEPT. 19-26
RATHER THAN SEPT. 5-12 AS PROPOSED.

2. A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE VISIT PROGRAM REVEALS A
RATHER "SKINNY," NONSUBSTANTIVE AGENDA AND RAISES
QUESTIONS, IN CONTEXT OF RAMUNDO'S COST-EFFECTIVENESS
DISCUSSION WITH AYKAZIAN AND ISHCHENKO AT SCST IN JUNE,
WHETHER "THIS TRIP IS REALLY NECESSARY." THE PROGRAM
PROVIDES TOO MUCH FREE TIME AND VISITS (EXHIBITION AND
PASSENGER TERMINAL) WHICH ARE HARDLY TECHNICAL IN
NATURE TO JUSTIFY VISIT COSTS AND RELATED EXPENSES.
SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF VISIT ARE REALLY TWO 3-HOUR

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SESSIONS AT WHICH EACH SIDE PRESENTS A PAPER. WORKING ON

THE PROTOCOL OF THE VISIT AND FUTURE COOPERATION IS ONLY COLLATERALLY SUBSTANTIVE. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, DOT WILL PROPOSE BY SEPTEL ADDITIONAL MATTERS FOR INCLUSION IN PROGRAM TO MAKE VISIT WORTHWHILE.

3. REQUEST SCIOFF ADVISE ISHCHENKO OF FOREGOING AND CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN VISIT DATE. DOT WOULD LIKE STRONG PRESENTATION ON NONSUBSTANTIVE CHARACTER OF VISIT PROGRAM BECAUSE OF WANING TECHNICAL LEVEL ENTHUSIASM AND RESOURCES FOR NONSUBSTANTIVE "COOPERATIVE" ACTIVITY. REPORT REACTION TO M. ALLEN, DOT/TPI-42, SOONEST. KISSINGER

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